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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 9 March 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 March 2009 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 3-9-09 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
2. Regarding applicant's representative [hereinafter applicant] arguments that no teaching on Murray notification request being received from a client or monitoring for an event relative to a geographical area of interest, Murray in col. 10, lines 19-24 discloses that the information which is going to be used for the notification being received from the mobile device [32] [client]. And the Murray example of monitoring the location of a user relative to the geographical location of the meeting as discussed in the remarks reads on the limitation monitoring for an event relative to a geographical area of interest.
3. The rest of the arguments they fall for the same reasons as shown in paragraph 2 above. The current rejection in record remains.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

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5. Claims 1, 4-6, 9-14, 16 and 18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Murray 6484033.

As to claim 1, Murray discloses a method comprising: receiving an area event notification request from a client [32] at a location service entity provided in association with the communication system [see col. 10, lines 19-30], the area event notification request containing information associated with the identity of a mobile station and a geographical area of interest [see col. 7, lines 53-65; col. 10, lines 19-24]; activating monitoring for an event indicative of a change in the presence status of the mobile station relative to said geographical area of interest; and signaling a notification to the client in response to detection of such event [see col. 10, lines 24-47; 59-65].

As to claims 4-6, Murray discloses a method wherein the monitoring is based on at least one location/routing/service area determined based on said information of the area of interest [see col. 11, lines 1-43; col. 12, line 56 - col. 13, line 35].

As to claims 9-10, Murray discloses method comprising cancelling the request for area event notifications, after the signaling notification step [col. 2, lines 1-17].

As to claims 11, Murray discloses a method wherein said signaling notification is responsive to detection of said event over a predetermined time period [col. 4, lines 45-59].

As to claims 12, Murray discloses a method wherein successive signaling within a predetermined time period is limited [col. 4, lines 45-59].

As to claims 13, Murray discloses a method according wherein an LCS client defines the predetermined time period such that successive signaling is limited [col. 4, lines 45-59].

As to claims 14, Murray discloses a method wherein a network operator defines the predetermined time period such that successive signaling is limited [col. 4, lines 45-59].

As to claims 16, Murray discloses a method wherein the step of receiving an area event notification request is responsive to a location update [see col. 4, lines 60 – col. 5, line 43].

As to claim 18, Murray discloses an apparatus, comprising: a location service entity [76] adapted for receiving an area event notification request from a client [32] containing information associated with the identity of a target mobile station and a geographical area of interest [see col. 7, lines 53-65]; col. 10, lines 19-24]; monitoring means for monitoring, in response to receiving said request, for an event indicative of a change in the presence status of the target mobile station relative to said geographical area of interest and for signaling a notification to the client in response to detection of such event [see col. 10, lines 24-47; 59-65].

As to claim 19, Murray discloses an apparatus wherein the monitoring means are provided in association with the target mobile station [see col. 4, lines 34-45].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

8. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

9. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murray in view of Wilson 7203502.

As to claim 2, Murray discloses everything as explained above except for a method wherein the monitoring is activated at the mobile station. In an analogous art, Wilson discloses a method wherein the monitoring is activated at the mobile station [see fig. 1b, first step, with item 102]. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skills in the art at the time of the invention to combine these teachings to provide location based services to the phone such as locating individuals and coordinating meetings.

10. Claims 3, 15 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murray in view of Havinis 6169899.

As to claims 3, 15 and 20, Murray discloses everything as explained above except for method wherein the monitoring is based on the identity of at least one cell of the communication system selected based on said information of the area of interest. Havinis et al further teaches wherein the monitoring is based on the identity of at least one cell of the communication system selected based on said information of the area of interest and area of interest is taken into consideration in cell selection. (Column 5, Lines 46- 50 and Column 2, Lines 42-46). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skills in the art at the time of the invention to combine these teachings to provide location based services to the phone such as locating individuals in a desired area.

11. Claims 7-8 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murray in view Miriyala 7024195.

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As to claim 8, Murray discloses everything as explained above except for a method wherein the request contains further information regarding the event to reported, the further information defining whether entering or leaving of the area of interest shall be reported. In an analogous art, Miriyala discloses a method wherein the request contains further information regarding the event to reported, the further information defining whether entering the area of interest shall be reported [see col. 3, lines 42-60]. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skills in the art at the time of the invention to combine these teachings to send advertisement when entering in certain area.

As to claims 7 and 21, Murray discloses everything as explained above except for, wherein the area of interest is defined by means of the shape thereof. In an analogous art, Miriyala discloses wherein the area of interest is defined by means of the shape [size] [see col. 3, lines 42-60]. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skills in the art at the time of the invention to combine these teachings to send advertisement when entering in certain area.

12. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murray in view of Nakagawa 5621414.

As to claim 17, Murray discloses everything as explained above except for a method according further comprising the step of confirming the location of the mobile station responsive to the signaling location, to ensure the location corresponds to the area of interest. In an analogous art, Nakagawa discloses confirming the location of the mobile station responsive to the signaling location, to ensure the location corresponds

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to the area of interest [see col. 1, lines 7-18]. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skills in the art at the time of the invention to combine these teachings to minimize errors.

Conclusion

13. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MARCOS L. TORRES whose telephone number is (571)272-7926. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 am - 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on 571-252-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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